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## **BARGAINING UPDATE**

Dear NSNU Acute Care Member,

The Nova Scotia Council of Nursing Unions, Nova Scotia Health (NSH), the IWK and the Nova Scotia Department of Health and Wellness (DHW) met again yesterday, March 21<sup>st</sup> after deferring Monday's negotiations to accommodate the Premier's announcement on Healthcare Worker Retention and his second Health Summit since January 17<sup>th</sup>.

Since yesterday, nine additional bargaining dates have been added for a total of twenty days. Our schedule now includes:

**April 6, 12 and 13**

**May 1, 2, 15, 16, 23, 24, 25 and 26**

**June 1, 2, 12, 13, 14, 22, 23, 27 and 29**

As previously mentioned, the teams are engaged in interest-based negotiation (IBN). Interest-based negotiation is about issues and interests. This process allows the parties to thoroughly examine and explore root causes and come to a more comprehensive understanding of the issues.

At this point, there is nothing to report other than the additional bargaining dates, which is not unusual this early in the process.

Nova Scotia Council of Nursing Unions (NSNU, NSGEU, CUPE, Unifor) will continue to provide regular updates as the teams meet face-to-face, and when there is news to share. To learn more about the structure of the teams and general information, go to: <https://www.nsnu.ca/CONUConstitution>.

We appreciate your patience as we progress in this round of negotiations.

Email [nsnubargaining@nsnu.ca](mailto:nsnubargaining@nsnu.ca) if you have questions or comments, or simply reply directly to this e-memo to share your ideas or discuss issues that are important to you.